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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Daigle, et al. § Group Art Unit: 3627
Serial No.: 09/679,906 § Examiner: Nicholson, Eric K
Filed: October 5, 2000 § Attorney Docket Number 25791.37.02
For: SEALANT FOR EXPANDABLE CONNECTION §

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

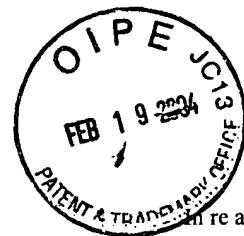
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this document.

In the Drawings: Please add the attached Figure 4.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following Paragraph at Page 9, Line 18 of the Specification:

"As illustrated in Fig. 4, in a preferred embodiment, first tubular member 405 including first threads 410 and second tubular member 415 including second threads 420 have been radially expanded into contact with pre-existing structure 450. First and second tubular members, 405 and 415, may be any number of conventional commercially available tubular members. In a preferred embodiment, first tubular member 405 further includes recess 425 containing sealing member 430 and retaining ring 435."



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Enclosed for filing are the following

1. An Amendment in response the Examiner's Office Action. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	38	minus	41	=	0	x 9	\$	OR x 18 \$0
INDEP	11	minus	9	=	2	x 43	\$	OR x 86 \$172
[]	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ 145	\$	OR + 290 \$	
					TOTAL	\$	OR TOTAL	\$172

2. A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time to file an Amendment.
3. A check in the amount of \$1,122 .00 for the total fees due, including the Extension fee and the amendment fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 25791.37.02 for any additional filing fees related to this filing or credit any overpayment to Haynes and Boone, LLP. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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